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Letter from H. Gourdin to Thomas G. Clemson, 1875 September 24

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Charlton Sep^r 27. 1875

My Dear Sir

A telegram from H. Maxwell
 on the evening of the 22^d inst. announced
 the death of Mrs. Lemon at 5 o'clock
 this afternoon. I should know how to
 address you on an event so sudden and so
 distressing and so painful. I know how
 essential she was to your comfort, to your
 happiness, and to every fleeting moment
 of your existence. Can I address words
 of comfort to you? Under an affliction
 so great words utterly fail in bringing or
 imparting relief to the bleeding heart, &
 so silent sorrow, mingling with your own,
 is all that I can offer on an occasion so
 sad, and so deeply affecting your future
 life. Write to me as soon as you can, &
 be assured that there is no member of
 our family that does not lament the death
 of one they so dearly loved & respected, and
 the more so that she was so essential to
 your happiness. I am very truly & fondly
 Yours

H G ourden

Sept 27th 1875

Dear friend, I am very sorry to hear of your illness. I hope you will soon be able to write again. I am very truly yours, H G ourden